

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, }
MEXICO, Sept. 24, 1847. }

GENERAL ORDERS—NO. ~~29~~ 297.

1. Here, as in all Roman Catholic countries, there are frequent religious processions, in the streets, as well as in churches—such as *the elevation of the host*, the *viaticum*, funerals, &c.

2. The interruption of such processions has already been prohibited in orders, and as no civilized person will ever wantonly do any act to hurt the religious feelings of others, it is earnestly requested of all protestant Americans either to keep out of the way, or to pay to the catholic religion and its ceremonies every decent mark of respect and deference.

3. In the case of the *viaticum* (visits of consolation to the sick and dying) commanders of corps are requested, when called upon, to allow two Roman Catholic soldiers to perform the usual functions on such occasions.

4. There is every reason to believe that a very large distribution of knives and dirks has recently been made to liberated convicts (thieves and murderers) for the purpose of assassinating American soldiers found drunk or otherwise off their guard.

5. Measures are in progress to search out and seize, for execution, the instigators and leaders of those assassins. In the meantime guards and patrols will search all suspicious persons, disarm, and if necessary, confine them, for trial and punishment.

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